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3 HOUR TOWN MEETING QUIETEST IN MANY YEARS

This year's town meeting was so quiet that you could hear a ballot drop. Little Jeanne Shearer, 6 months old, the youngest towns-person present, was the only one to raise her voice in protest. She left early and the meeting proceeded in an orderly manner to a quiet and quick finish.

After Moderator George McEwan, opened the meeting promptly at 10 a. m. Town Clerk Josephine S. Haskell read the long warrant with its 55 articles. Following the invocation by Rev. Joseph W. Reeves the reading of the articles got under way.

The reading of the first eight articles was accomplished without incident. Upon the reading of Article 9 a motion was made here to raise the salaries of the Selectmen to \$500 from the present \$300, the vote was 42 to 13 opposed.

On Article 14 a question was raised as to the advisability of purchasing a new curtain for \$700. A vote was taken and the article approved for the purchase of the curtain for the town hall.

Article 15 having to do with the refurnishing of the chairs in the auditorium of the Town Hall, the dining room tables and other furniture for the sum of \$1200 was also voted down. The Finance Committee had not recommended the expenditure of this money at this time.

One hundred dollars was voted for the purchase of a non-electric checkwriter—the original Article 19 calling for \$265 to purchase the checkwriter.

After reading Article 30 Moderator McEwan had to prod the towns-people assembled about this article. For a moment it looked as if the town of Northfield was to go without fish this summer. A motion and a second quickly restored the fish to Northfield, \$200 was the amount voted for the purchase of the fish to be liberated in the town under the supervision of the Selectmen.

The town meeting approved an appropriation of \$1500, instead of the original \$1200 called for in Article 31, for insurance.

Article 40, calling for two lights on Barnard road for \$42 was voted down, but \$21 was voted for one light.

Article 41 calling for one light for \$21 was voted and approved. The selectmen to determine the position of the light.

A report of the committee to investigate plans for a new firehouse was heard, and it was voted that the members of this committee continue their study for another year. One hundred dollars was voted for this purpose.

The report of the Selectmen in

regard to plans for a Town Garage was then heard and approved. The Selectmen did not recommend the construction of a town garage at this time, and it was voted to extend this committee for another year to pursue further study of this matter.

Three hundred dollars was voted for the use of the World War Memorial Community School Building Plans Committee in laying the preliminary plans for the erection of this building. The Finance Committee had recommended \$100, but the higher amount was voted by the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p. m., and the quietest town meeting in many years had adjourned with a total of \$197,185 in appropriations having been made. Last year's figure having been a total of \$197,017.25.

Holden and Martin Plans Home Show

Holden & Martin Lumber Co., of Brattleboro, will sponsor a "Brattleboro Building Show" to preview for prospective home builders available materials and facilities and some of the latest developments in home building. Ernest Barre, president of the company, announced.

The show will take place in the Armory Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13. It will be open to the public on Friday from 7 to 10 p. m. and on Saturday from 1 to 10 p. m., Barre said.

One feature of the show will be a continuous movie on the stage with a film entitled "Trees and Homes" and a comedy. There will also be demonstrations of glazing, millwork and an insulation blower.

Among the more than 25 exhibits will be one on homes with small scale models and floor plans. A new type of house, called the "Industry Engineered Home" will be modeled. This house, Barre said, is built on a basic plan from which several models can be constructed and is one of the recent developments in low-priced homes.

Other booths will display plywood, wallboard, glass, metal products, roofing, cabinet work and the products of other manufacturers whose representatives will be present.

Barre said that the exhibit is planned to show home builders what products are available and to give them some ideas on building small homes. Materials are beginning to come through, he said, and this year should be a big one for building.

Political Primary Soon; Com. Acts

The local Republican Town Committee held an important meeting last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Allen H. Wright on Main street to plan for the Primary, which will be held next April 27. The committee will be up for re-election and re-organization at that time for the new four year term and by vote the membership will be enlarged to twelve. With a presidential election coming this year the committee will find much activity ahead. Republican enrollment in Northfield is the largest ever recorded. Chairman Hoeft presided at the session and Mrs. Dorothy Miller is the secretary. It is expected that there will be several new nominations filed for election to membership on the committee, and all such candidates should notify Joseph W. Field of their intentions and later blanks will be furnished.

Long Comments Our Local Officials

From Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, Henry F. Long, Boston, comes a fine letter of commendation, under date of Jan. 30, to the Board of Assessors and Collector of Taxes of Northfield for the splendid work which they have accomplished in this community. The following is the text of the letter which explains itself:

"Heartiest congratulations to you for being the first to get out the 1948 poll tax bills. I am sending this because it is a double congratulation to the assessors and collector which point to a community that is of the best and where the assessors and collector in no way are bothered by time, weather or anything else, but on the first day of January put on full speed ahead and show other communities what they really should be doing. I am extremely grateful to you for what you have done and I congratulate you through the people of Northfield for an excellent board of assessors and a good collector because, good assessment work and good collection work mean less of a burden to the taxpayers."

"May you all live long and prosper."

The letter was received by Ernest A. Parker, chairman of the Selectmen.

A Toppers Club Here

Under the sponsorship of the Tenney Farms Dairy "The Topper Square Deal Club" has been formed in Northfield Farms. The purpose of this club is to inspire unselfishness and loyalty to worthwhile services in the community. Jack Powell is the organizer and will devote his efforts to guiding the young folks.

County Budget Larger

The Commissioners of Franklin county announce that they will have an increased budget this year. The total estimate of money needed is \$278,253.98. Last year's estimate was \$254,331.15. The budget of this year is 9 per cent higher than last year.

The budget is \$206,053.18 in excess of estimated receipts. A balance of \$47,180.80 is included in this year's budget. Increases for the year include \$9,800 for state highways, bridges and land damages; \$4,990 for hospital expenses and \$8,530 for the House of Correction.

The Commissioners are Samuel U. Streeter, Roy W. French and Carlos Allen.

TIE VOTE FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE FEATURES ELECTION

The citizens of Northfield may have to go to the polls again due to the tie vote of 239 for both Marion C. Billings, caucus nominee, and Lillian K. Wells.

Except for this unusual occurrence and 487 ballots cast at the election, the voting went as had been more or less predicted before the election.

At Pioneer Valley Film Show Tonight

Members of the local Pioneer Valley Association committee for the solicitation of memberships be in attendance this Friday evening at the Hotel Sheraton in Springfield for the inauguration of the drive and the preview of the film, "Vacations in the Pioneer Valley." President George V. Wallace will preside and the list of speakers will include Charles R. Fairhurst, District Attorney for Hampshire-Franklin district of Greenfield. Representatives will be present from 58 cities and towns in the Pioneer Valley and the effort to raise the needed quota of \$40,000 to advertise the region will be begun.

Among those attending from Northfield will be A. Gordon Moody, a vice-president of the Association, Harold Briesmaster, chairman of the town committee, and committee members Charles Olds, Melvern Morgan, Harry Gingras.

P.T.A. Meeting

The Northfield P. T. A. will meet February 9 at 8 p. m. in Alexander Hall. The Bernardston P. T. A. has been invited.

A musical program will follow the business meeting. Mrs. Castleton Holton of West Northfield will play several accordion selections. Mrs. Virginia Haack and Mrs. Marion Goodspeed will give a piano duet. Mrs. Jennie Warnock will render a whistling solo. Mrs. Martha Lopez will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Robert A. Taylor. A piano solo by Mrs. Robert Barnes will conclude the program.

Pine Top Ski School

Despite the heavy snows and bitter January weather the Pine Top Ski Area has reported good attendance. The lower tow at Pine Top has been functioning perfectly and according to the proprietors the upper tow is now ready for use.

The warming hut was used for the first time and should prove a boon to the skiers at Pine Top. Edward Dunkle and George Bigelow of Brattleboro are the instructors at the new ski school that will operate for the rest of the season at Pine Top. The school will be conducted Wednesday afternoons, Saturdays and Sundays.

Record Crowds Skiing

With the slight moderation in the weather after the severe storms and cold, it is reported from many slopes in New Hampshire that record crowds have been flocking to the slopes and enjoying the sport which is at its best in years.

Guests at the hotels, hostlers from the AYH and students from the schools are finding opportunities for a variety of winter sports such as skating, skiing, bob sledding and snowshoeing.

The extended "cold snap" and heavy snowfall has brought joy to some hearts at least.

Josephine Haskell was reelected Town Clerk, 455. Charles Slate running unopposed, was reelected Town Treasurer, 458.

George H. Sheldon, 214, won over William M. Marshall, 120, and Homer Browning, Jr., 116. This race was for the one-year term.

Ernest A. Parker, with 442 votes, running without opposition, was returned as Selectman for a three-year term. George W. Carr, with 393 votes, also running unopposed, was reelected for a two-year term. Running alone in the Assessor race, Ernest A. Parker polled 442 votes for a three-year term. George McEwan, serving his first year as Moderator, was returned for another term with 404 votes.

Glenn C. Billings, 431, was elected Cemetery Commissioner and Charles F. Slate, 451 was elected Tax Collector for one year. Library Trustees reelected were C. Ina Merriman, 403, and Robert Bonner Jack, 370, and Luman A. Barber was elected to a two-year term to fill a vacancy.

Joseph F. Field, 400, was elected Tree Warden.

For Constables at Large, Martin E. Vorce, 354, Harry M. Haskell, 322 and Joseph G. Morgan, 306, were elected for a one-year term. Paul Chamberlain in this race polled 282 votes.

Murray M. Hammond was elected Constable from Northfield Farms for one year with 434 votes, and Frank W. Williams, 391, was reelected to the Planning Board for five years.

Appointed to the Finance Committee were Dr. William Park and Mrs. Maud Montague. George Leonard was reappointed Park Commissioner for a one-year term.

Fire Wardens Organize

A meeting of all the Forest Fire Wardens of western Massachusetts was held at Northampton last week with the annual dinner at the Congregational Church in Florence followed by a business session. Fire Chief Charles G. Dalton of Northampton was chosen president of the Forest Fire Wardens Association with a complete list of officers. It was reported that the state will provide two fully equipped forest fire trucks for service in this district in April, but where they will be placed has not been decided. There are some forty cities and towns in this area. Andrew Gray is the local Forest Fire Warden.

New House Started On Highland Ave.

On the lot on Highland avenue adjoining the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bonner Jack, lumber is being accumulated for the building of a new home for Miss Margaret C. Shields of Princeton, N. J., and her sister, Miss Mabel Agnes Shields of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Leavis and Bolton have the contract and will begin building as soon as the weather permits. The lot was formerly owned by Miss Annie G. Winter of Lawrence. The Misses Shields will make Northfield their permanent home.

Garden Club Eats and Plays

The Garden Club met for its annual supper in the vestry of the Unitarian Church last Tuesday evening.

Both tables were filled to capacity and members and guests eating elbow to elbow enjoyed the very delicious chicken dinner.

Mrs. George Carr led in the playing of games and Fred Porter contributed an original poem to the merriment of the gathering.

Dr. Dean then showed color films of his trip to California last year.

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AYH News

The Northfield hostel has entertained 165 young people this past week; most of them are enjoying a ski vacation between college semesters. Five minor casualties were reported when various legs and arms refused to bend in the direction indicated by skis out of control. Nothing serious enough to keep the recipient from hobbling heroically to class within a few days.

Further word has been received from Miss Ida Sheldon, to say that she is in Connecticut, and hopes to be up to see friends in town before long.

The new 1948 Travel Folder is now being distributed to all those who write in asking for details on AYH trips this summer. The 24 page folder was compiled by the Travel Service Division, illustrated by Isabel Smith, and printed by the AYH Printing Department; it describes 18 trips all over the world and carries an article on the Youth Argosy—student ships made possible by the United States Maritime Commission. Anyone interested in receiving a copy may have one free of charge.

County Club to Meet

The Franklin County Northfield Club will hold its next meeting at the Weldon Hotel in Greenfield, Saturday, February 7, with a luncheon at one o'clock. Mr. Frederick F. McVeigh will speak on the subject of "A Protestant School in a Catholic Country." Reservations already made for the luncheon promise a good attendance.

Salaries of Elementary Teachers

Elementary teachers in Northfield are employed under a uniform salary rate, but have no schedule. By a recent action of the School Committee, salaries for all elementary teachers have been set at the rate of \$2,100 for the present school year effective from January 1, 1948.

"Ye Clothed Me"

Superintendent Robert N. Taylor recently received a letter of thanks and appreciation from W. Howard Pillsbury, Chairman of the "Save the Children Federation."

The letter acknowledged the participation of the local schools in the 1947 National Children's Clothing Crusade to assist American children in neglected rural areas and child sufferers abroad.

The letter said in part, "we believe that it is essential for our American young people to share with the less fortunate and closed with this statement, 'we speak for many thousands of children in our own and other lands to whom you have brought great joy and who can truthfully say to your schools, 'Ye Clothed Me.'"

Fortnightly Meeting

Myron Johnson, son of Mrs. Charles Johnson, will be the speaker at the Fortnightly meeting February 6, at 3 p. m., in Alexander Hall. Mr. Johnson's talk will be on "Interior Decorating."

Also on the program Mrs. Jennie Warnock of Northfield will whistle, accompanied by Mrs. Robert N. Taylor.

The tea hostesses will be Mrs. Frank Montague, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mrs. Harold Briesmaster, and Miss Marion Holton.

Boy Scout News

Twenty-four scouts attended a meeting at the Congregational Church last Monday evening. The Scout Master noticed improvement in their knot-tying contest. Fifteen boys expect to attend the ski carnival at Holland Farms the 14th of February.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 6. Fortnightly meets. Myron Johnson, speaker.
Feb. 8. Congregational Church Sunday Evening Club meets, 7 p. m.
Feb. 9. P.T.A. meeting, Alexander Hall, at 8 p. m.
Feb. 10. Grange meeting.
Feb. 11. "Shavings" at Town Hall, 8 p. m.
Feb. 12. Lincoln's Birthday. Community Club No. 4 regular meeting.
Feb. 13. Congregational Church public supper in vestry.
Feb. 14. St. Valentine's Day.
Feb. 15. Unitarian Women's Alliance meeting at 2:30 p. m.
Feb. 16. The Unitarian Evening Alliance "brush party" at 8 p. m. in vestry.
Feb. 17. The Unitarian Young Adult Group card party at 8 p. m.
Feb. 20. Fortnightly meeting, one-act play.

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A.U.Y. Committee Meeting

Miss Beverly McCollum, president of the American Unitarian Youth Group, presided at a meeting Wednesday evening of the Program Committee and the Recreation Committee. Plans were completed for the February meetings, as follows:

Feb. 1. Presentation of suggestions for the social service activities by the chairman of that committee, Russell Bigelow, followed by a recreation program.

Feb. 8. A devotional service, followed by an exhibition and discussion of Hobbies, led by Peter Haack. All members and guests are invited to bring examples of their hobbies and to tell the group something about them.

Feb. 15. A devotional service, followed by a group discussion of "Our Town—What Can We Do to Improve It?" The president, Beverly McCollum, in charge.

Feb. 22. "What Do Unitarians Believe," a talk by the minister, Rev. Hazel Rogers Greider.

Feb. 29. An art meeting to be led by the vice-president, Russell Bigelow.

All young people of high school age are invited to come to these meetings and enter into our activities. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held at the Unitarian Church, Sunday evenings, at 7.30.

Town Nurse Reports

The town nurse reports visits for the month of January as follows: Chronic cases, 63; acute cases, 6; prenatal visits, 1; infant health supervision, 20; adult health supervision, 2; pre-school health supervision, 3; school health supervision, 10; T. B. contact visits; meetings attended, 3; transportation, 4; social service, 1. Completion of diphtheria clinic where 25 children were inoculated.

GILL NEWS

The following have circulated nomination papers for Town Offices: Robert Stoughton for Assessor; Arthur D. Platt for School Committee; Mrs. Stanley Bell for Library Trustee; Alan D. Adie, Luther S. Eddy and Howard R. Jackson for Selectmen; D. O. Paul for Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Robert Stoughton is seeking the office formerly held by Lyman Hale, who is not running this year. Harry Erickson has already announced his decision to retire from office and his seat on the school committee is being sought by A. D. Platt. Mrs. Stanley Bell is seeking to replace Mrs. Lyman Hale as Library Trustee who has resigned. The incumbent selectmen are S. Fred Kerslake, Jr., Ernest E. Blake and Richard Clapp. The present Town Clerk is Earle F. Squires.

CHURCH NOTES

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
10 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.
11 a. m. Worship. Annual Young People's Sunday. Sermonettes by Marian Allen, Richard Reeves, and Portia Chamberlin. Nursery for pre-school age children.
7 p. m. Sunday Evening Club meeting in the vestry. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes and their committee will serve a light supper. Dr. Dean will show motion pictures of his trip to California last spring.

Thursday, 6.30 p. m. Public supper for benefit of the new kitchen stove fund. Tickets for adults 99 cents; children under 10 years of age, 50 cents. Call Miss Sophie Servaes or Mr. Reeves for tickets.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Hazel Rogers Greider, Minister
10 a. m. Church School. Opening service in charge of Mrs. Carroll Miller, superintendent. Classes for all ages.

11 a. m. Service of Worship and sermon. Anthem by the choir. Children's story, "The Great Stone Face." Adult sermon, "What is the Christian Church?"
7.30 p. m. The American Unitarian Youth Group. A discussion of "hobbies" led by Peter Haack. All members are asked to contribute their hobbies.

The afternoon Alliance will meet on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2.30 p. m. to hear Mrs. Walter C. Scott, who will speak on "Understanding the Negro."

The Evening Alliance will meet at 8 p. m., Feb. 12, at the vestry, to hear Rev. Francis C. Schieler of Barnardston speak on "A Racial Challenge to All of Us."

On Feb. 13 church members are invited to the home of Mrs. W. R. Moody, to help in the world "day of prayer."

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor
The district superintendent, Rev. H. J. Gabriel of Brooklyn, N. Y., will conduct the quarterly meeting and will preach at each of the following services. Friday and Saturday evening at 7.30, Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

The Sunday morning worship will be followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The public is cordially invited to these services.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
South Vernon, Vt.
Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone
Services every Sunday, 10.30 a. m.

Sunday School, 10.45 a. m.
Loyal Workers, 6.30 p. m.
Prayer Services, 7.30 p. m.
Weekly prayer meeting, Thursdays at the Vernon home, 7.45 p. m.

Nature's Deceptions

Gifted by Astronomer

So well has man been fooled by the illusions of nature that he has only in very recent times begun to see through these deceptions, points out Dr. W. F. Meyer, astronomer of University of California.

For example, the sun can be seen for several minutes when it is actually below the visible horizon, because of the bending of its light rays by the earth's atmosphere. Thus the sun "rises" several minutes before it is above the eastern horizon and "sets" several minutes after it has gone below the western horizon, lengthening the day from four to eight minutes at the expense of the night.

The sun, the planets and stars never are seen where they actually are, because of the time required for light to travel through great distances of space. The sun always is seen where it was eight and one-third minutes ago—the time it takes light to travel the 93 million miles from sun to earth. During these minutes the earth travels nearly 10,000 miles from the position when the light left the sun.

Similarly, the light sent out 450 years ago from the pole star, Polaris, still is serving mariners and aviators in locating the position of a ship or plane at night. Polaris has traveled an enormous distance since that time.

Australia Will Harness

Waterways for Power

Australia's 1,500 mile Murray river with its tributaries, the Darling and the Murrumbidgee, forms the only sizable inland river system of Australia. At certain times of the year the waters fall to a very low level, while, at the same time, the Snowy river might be in flood.

The Snowy rises on Mount Kosciuszko, which is high enough to precipitate moisture from the clouds and which provides a huge field of snow that feeds the river when the rest of the country is dry. The Snowy flows southward to meet the sea near Marlo on the southeast coast of Victoria. At the present time its waters run to waste.

A new plan calls for development of a huge hydro-electric and irrigation project estimated to cost 212 million dollars. Between the proposed point of intake in the Snowy to the headwaters of the Murray there is a fall of something like 2,000 feet, so that gravity will take the water through a 25-mile tunnel through the Australian Alps. A series of power stations will use the water to generate a total of 750,000 horsepower.

Arid Island of Aruba
The Netherlands island of Aruba, which is petitioning Queen Wilhelmina for home rule, is a West Indies pin point with the giant job of speeding to market the modern global necessity, oil. Dutch is the official language, but Spanish, English and French also are spoken. Native Arubans, of basic Carib-Indian stock, have an international patios of their own, called Papiamentu. Aruba is only a little larger in area than Washington, D. C. A barren coral and lava speck, for centuries it was hampered in its development through lack of fresh water and the high winds that blow away most of the top soil. The islands show the effects of the continuous trade winds from the northeast. The branches and foliage of divi-divi trees, for example, extend far out on one side.

Photographs in the Dark
Photographs may be taken in the dark, with still or motion pictures, by infrared radiation, which consists of waves like those of light but of greater length, so that they are not visible. Specially sensitized film is required. During the war, infrared photoflash bulbs were introduced to take photographs during blackouts. These were bulbs of the ordinary type, provided with a coating which absorbed visible light. Filters which are opaque to the eye, but quite transparent to the infrared, may be obtained and used over ordinary flash or flood lamps to provide a source of the invisible rays.

Received a Buck Yearly
William Caxton, who was born about 1422, was England's first printer. He learned printing in Cologne and printed his Recuyell about 1474. Returning to England in 1478, he established a press at Westminster and issued an indulgence by Abbot Sant that year, the first known piece of printing from Caxton press in England. In 1477 he issued the first dated book printed in England. From his patron, the Earl of Arundel, he received, as part payment for printing one of his books, a promise to give him each summer a buck, and each winter a doe.

Increase Tree Farms
Certification of 14 new western pine, 5 southern pine and 19 Tennessee tree farms plus the addition of more than 100,000 acres to four industrial tree farms in Texas, pushed the nation-wide total to more than 1,250 units with about 14,250,000 acres. With numerous dedications planned, including the first certifications in Virginia and Pennsylvania, tree farms should be past the 15 million acre mark within a few months.



Automatic Mixers

Available on Farm

Electricity Cuts Down On Farm Labor Costs

By Bob Wilson

Feed mixing, like an increasing number of other farm chores, now is being placed on practically an automatic basis and coordinated with related activities. In this case, mixing is coordinated with cribbing and grinding operations.

Generally, mixers are located either adjacent to the grinder or in the barn mow almost directly above the mill. The two-ton mixer, shown in the accompanying illustration, is in the mow of a Midwestern farm. When processing operations begin, shelled corn, which has been blown



Such a mixer will save labor.

into a bin to the right of the mixer, drops through a chute to the grinder on the floor below. The blower pipe is shown at the right of the mixer.

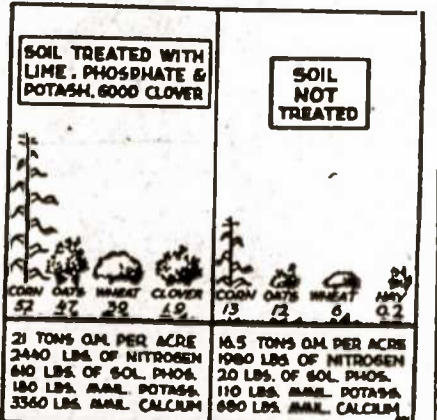
After grinding has been completed, the ground grain is blown into the mixer and necessary supplements added. The thoroughly mixed grain then flows out of the mixer and down a chute to be loaded into a feed cart on the first floor.

The only manual work required is dumping the sacked supplement into the mixer. A conventional type blower cribbs the whole grain automatically, while the blower attachment on the electrically powered grinder returns the ground grain to the mixer.

Setups of this type are becoming commonplace on scores of electrified farms. They can be constructed at relatively small cost and, in most cases, by unskilled farm labor.

Checks Soil Losses

Good soil management pays dividends in making heavy crops per acre, building organic matter in the soil and at the same time checking



erosion. The results shown above summarize tests at the University of Illinois Elizabethtown experiment field since 1918.

Manure, lime and phosphate made the difference between the two plots. The soil was already rich in potash.

The heavy crops of alfalfa-clover and small grains protected the soil from beating rains. The soil of the treated plot with its 18 tons of organic matter per acre could soak up more water faster than the soil of the untreated plot with only five tons. Less water was left to run off and carry soil with it.

For erosion control on longer slopes a crop rotation that includes more years in soil protecting crops such as legume grass mixtures is advised. Full fields on a 12 per cent slope such as was in this field would need a rotation of corn, winter grain and two or three years of legume-grass mixtures for best results. Contour farming, strip cropping and terracing would help, too, to slow down the water so that more would have a chance to soak into the ground.

Three Major Problems Face Pork Producers

The pork producer faces three problems as he makes plans for 1948, says Michigan State college specialists. A short corn crop, a relatively narrow corn-hog ratio and a stressed feed conservation program are the problems to be met. The danger is that too few sows will be bred for spring pigs and there may not be enough hogs to consume the corn crop produced in 1948.

TOWN TOPICS

There will be an observance of World Peace Day in an appropriate service at the home of Mrs. William R. Moody on Friday, Feb. 13.

L. L. Harris of Barnardston, formerly of South Vernon, is at the Franklin County Hospital for treatment. He is improving.

Dr. Walter S. Jones of Providence, R. I., was a recent visitor over the weekend at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones.

Donald Smith of South Vernon has returned from Chicago where he took a course of study in radio, refrigeration and radar. He has reopened his office and will devote himself to serving his patrons.

While riding his bicycle to the Grange meeting last week, Warren Brown was struck by a motorist and knocked from his wheel but fortunately was not seriously injured and he is about again.

Richard Bassett, Richard Strange and Edward Fortier of this town are all now employed with the Lawrence Tree Expert Co. of Greenfield and now working in Great Barrington.

All homes in the summer colony are covered with the heavy fall of snows to an average depth of two feet but no damage is reported. The mid-winter inspection of houses has been delayed because of the difficulty of getting about. The State Police will make the rounds as soon as possible.

Richard Barrows of Brattleboro, and formerly of this town, was 16th in a field of 64 in Class B competition at a Lebanon, N. H. ski meet.

Nikolai and Joanna Graudan, cellist and pianist, will appear at the Latchis Memorial Theatre in Brattleboro Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8, at 3, under the auspices of the Community Concert Association. The appearance of this cellist-pianist team should be good news to those people in the town who have season tickets for this series of concerts.

It is announced that the annual fair of the Franklin County Agricultural Society will be held Sept. 13, 14 and 15. It will be the one hundredth fair and Greenfield will make much of it in the way of a celebration.

The next meeting of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange will be held at Barnardston on Monday evening, Feb. 23. A large attendance of Northfield members is expected.

A letter from the Ripley family of Topsfield, Me., former residents of this town, says that the weather there is very cold, with low temperatures of below zero for some time. However, Mr. Ripley expects to do some ice fishing soon. Their son Herbert and family are with them, William is with the army in Alaska and Robert and family are living in Chicago.

Mrs. Lucius J. Mason of St. Petersburg, Fla., a summer resident of Mountain Park, is spending some time this winter at Nassau in the Bahamas. She writes to friends here that she is thoroughly enjoying her experience.

Mrs. Paul D. Moody and her sister, Miss Inez Hull have been visiting the Powells at Green Pastures and Mrs. W. R. Moody at The Homestead. Mrs. Moody has an apartment for the winter in the home of Mrs. Boyd Edwards in Arlington, Vt.

Word has come of the engagement of Robin Stevenson, formerly of this town, and a graduate of Mt. Hermon. His fiancée is Miss Barbara Miller, daughter of Mrs. Harold DeC. Miller of Wakefield, Mass. Miss Miller is a graduate of Wakefield High School High School and Maiden Business College. At present she is employed as a secretary by H. K. Porter, Inc., of Somerville.

Robin Stevenson will receive his Master's degree at M. I. T. in June and will return to active military duty the same month as a member of the U. S. Army Air Force.

The spring vacation of Mount Hermon School will be March 3 to 23 and for Northfield School for Girls March 18 to 31.

The Northfield Chapter of the Eastern Star will observe its 45th anniversary this month with a special program.

Don't forget the public supper at the Congregational Church vestry Thursday evening, Feb. 12 at 6.30. Miss Sophie Servaes is chairman of the supper committee.

The ground-hog saw his shadow last Monday and returned to his nest for another six weeks. Many of us crawled in our nests the past six weeks. Who wants more of hibernation.

Lent will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 11. On Friday afternoon the 13th a "World Day of Prayer" service will be conducted at the home of Mrs. William R. Moody to which the women of this town are invited.

Mrs. Andrew Plotczyk of West Northfield who has been very ill at her home for some time, is now reported as gradually improving.

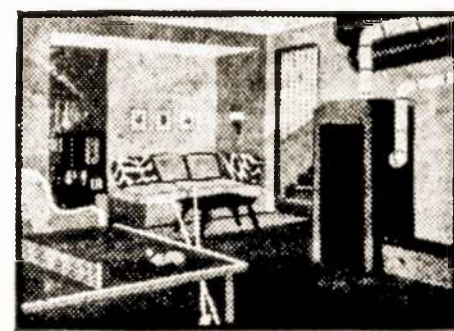
A well is being bored at the Vernon Home to provide an adequate water supply and it is said that already sufficient water is being found at a depth of 150 feet. Miss Ellen J. Briesmaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster, has entered the St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City. Miss Briesmaster is a graduate of the Northfield School for Girls.

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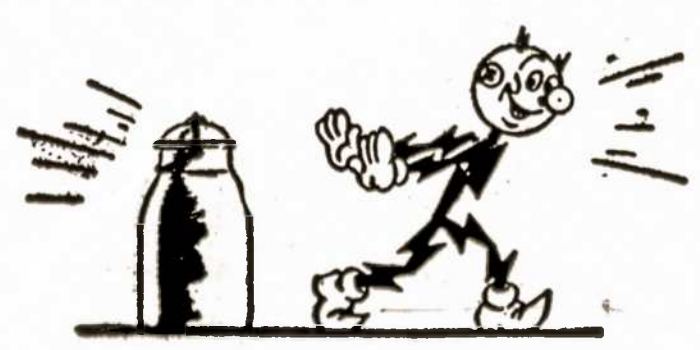
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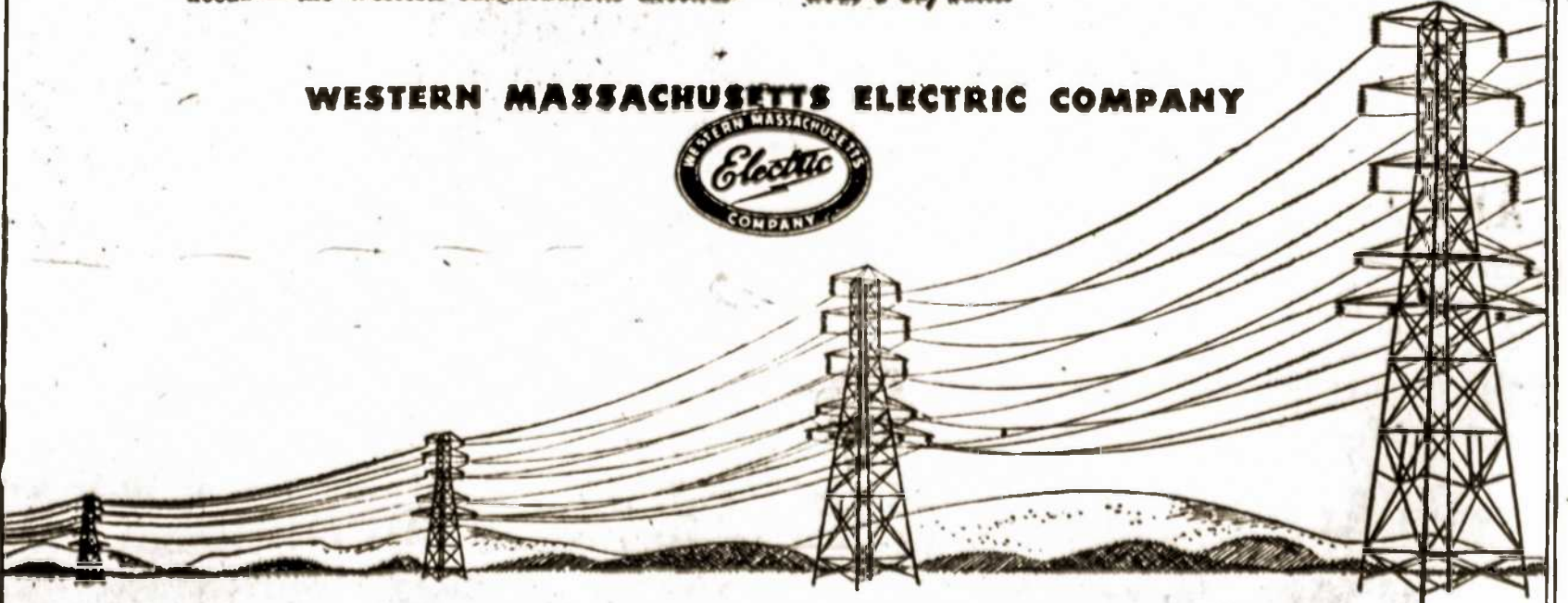
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Not with, after all.
First mention of the potato in literature appeared in 1533. A young Spaniard, Pedro de Cieza de Leon, traveling through South America first encountered it in 1533 in what is now Colombia and later in Ecuador. Cieza mentions the potato seven times in his "Chronicle of Peru," a diary he kept of his travels. "Papas" was the name applied to the plant by the native Indians, according to Cieza, and his accounts indicated that "papas" had been a common article of food and quite generally cultivated. It can be supposed that during the time the South American Indians had cultivated the potato, improvements had been made with the wild form, for extensive explorations never have been able to show that the common potato, as it is grown today, occurred as such in a wild state. Although Sir Francis Drake encountered tubers of the common species of potato in southern Chile in 1578, as did Thomas Cavendish in 1597, it seems certain they did not introduce it into Europe.

"SQUEEZE" BOX

To the Editors:

While Congress debates large scale government controlled relief to Europe and Asia, H. R. 4469 and S. 1815, House and Senate bills for the reduction of postage on private person-to-person relief packages, should be passed immediately.

These bills were introduced around Thanksgiving time with the idea of getting them passed by Christmas. They would not cost the American people one-hundredth of the cost of the grandiose Marshall Plan and would be much more in keeping with the Christian and American way of doing good. The people who have relatives and friends abroad or the people who just feel we should atone for some of our own destruction abroad, should be encouraged and helped in their work of buying food, collecting and mending old clothing, packing it and mailing it. This is the essence of free enterprise, the opposite of letting the state do it.

I also know many persons would send old clothing and some food or soap if the postage were not so high. They do not bother to take it to a church or other depot because they are so impersonal that many question the destination and actual receipt by the needy.

Our Hon. Charles R. Clason is in favor of the idea but the great internationalists, Lodge and Saltonstall, are non-committal. I believe all of us would be a lot more impressed with these would-be internationalists, including the President, if they would press measures that would give immediate, inexpensive aid to Europe and Asia. But no, that awful isolationist "Curly" Brooks of Illinois has proposed cutting the cost of CARE packages by government subsidy; a suggestion that should have come a year ago from Claude Pepper, Saltonstall and their ilk.

The insistence of the President and Secretary Marshall on the whole ERP or nothing and the neglect of acts that would help NOW, makes many suspect an imperialistic fist in the velvet glove of U. S. humanitarianism.

The President's desire and decision to put a porch on the White House to the tune of \$15,000 in these days of want, is a very poor example to set for us and the world.

YONE U. STAFFORD

Springfield, Mass.

Feb. 3, 1948.

"Shavings" on Stage At Town Hall

The Northfield Players who are about to produce "Shavings," Joseph Lincoln's story of life on Cape Cod, are in their second week of concentrated rehearsal and things are shaping up for a fine production on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, Feb. 10 and 11. The play will be presented at 8 p. m. in the Town Hall. This is a Samuel French royalty play and one you'll remember a long time. It is interesting to children and grown folks alike, and you'll have more than just your money's worth when you witness the following cast in this production:

Miss Beryl Stimson plays Captain Sam Hunnwell's daughter, Maudie. Captain Sam, a retired sea captain, now a banker, is played by Hugh Eastman. His spunky enemy Phil Babbitt, the hard-ware man, is convincingly portrayed by Lawrence Hammond. John Hammond takes the part of Phil's son, who is decidedly in love with Maudie. Mrs. Armstrong, a newcomer to the Cape town and her little daughter, Babbie, are characterized by Mrs. Esther Leonard and Miss Ellen Finch.

Charlie Phillips, David Quinn, is Mrs. Armstrong's brother. Roscoe Holway, an efficient salesman, is played by Gerald Goggin. Gabriel Berse, the comedian in the shape of Edwin Stevens. Colonel Grover, George Leonard, an old friend of Mrs. Armstrong, and the philosophical, town crank, Uncle Jed Winslow, called "Shavings," played by Donald Finch completes the cast. Mrs. Robert Taylor is already helping with the prompting. Mr. Finch is directing and Mr. Leonard and staff of teachers are heading the financial and the usual routine business.

The advance sale of tickets is steadily increasing and as the tickets are good either night, don't let a storm keep you away. This also allows baby sitters to still see it or all members of the same family can take turns enjoying an amusing evening's entertainment. Don't forget the dates.

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NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

An assembly was conducted in room 7 on Friday, Jan. 30, under the direction of Miss Lawley. The junior class presented a discussion of the Palestine situation in the form of a meeting of the "Current Events Club." This play was written by Miss Lawley and gave some of the historical background of events that have led to the present situation in that country. All students felt that they had a much clearer understanding of the Palestine problem at the end of the program. Vera Allen acted as chairman and was assisted by Irwin Severance, Joseph Blimmon, Mary Ann Wozniak, Rita Mello, Shirley Miller, Russell Bigelow and Mary LaPlante. Beverly Bolton and Ralph Miller of the 7th grade added bits of humor.

George Billings began a series of lectures and demonstrations on First Aid on Monday to a group of about 60 students. Mr. Billings is a member of the Greenfield Fire Department and has given these courses, sponsored by the American Red Cross, to many high school and lay groups during the past several years. This course will be given once a week for the remainder of the school year.

The basketball game scheduled with Powers Institute for Tuesday, Feb. 10 has been postponed until Feb. 20. At that time, both boys' and girls' teams will play. The boys will play New Salem Academy at New Salem on Thursday of this week and both boys and girls will play at New Salem on Feb. 27.

Richard Huber who graduated from N. H. S. in 1945, has returned for a post-graduate course preliminary to entering University of Massachusetts in September.

Many pupils of N. H. S. are selling tickets to "Shavings," to be presented next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the Town Hall. Proceeds from this play will benefit the senior class.



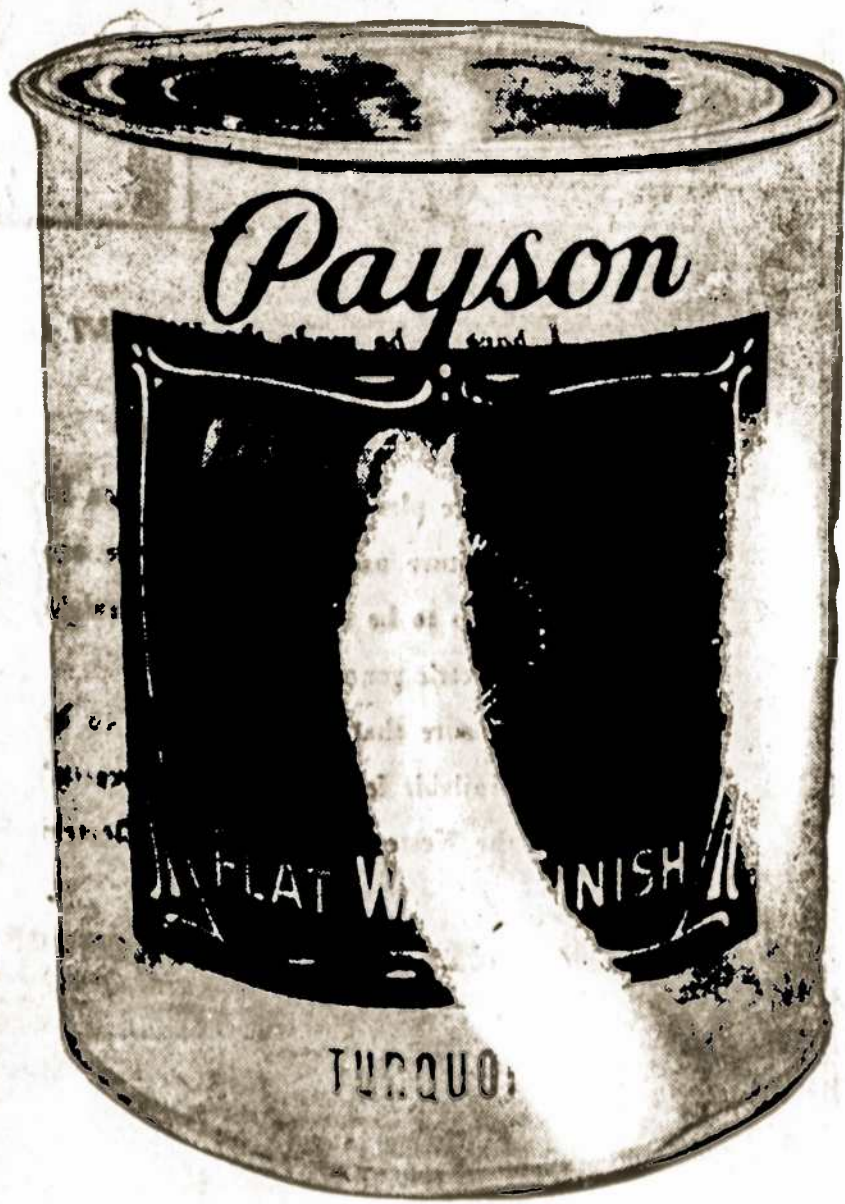
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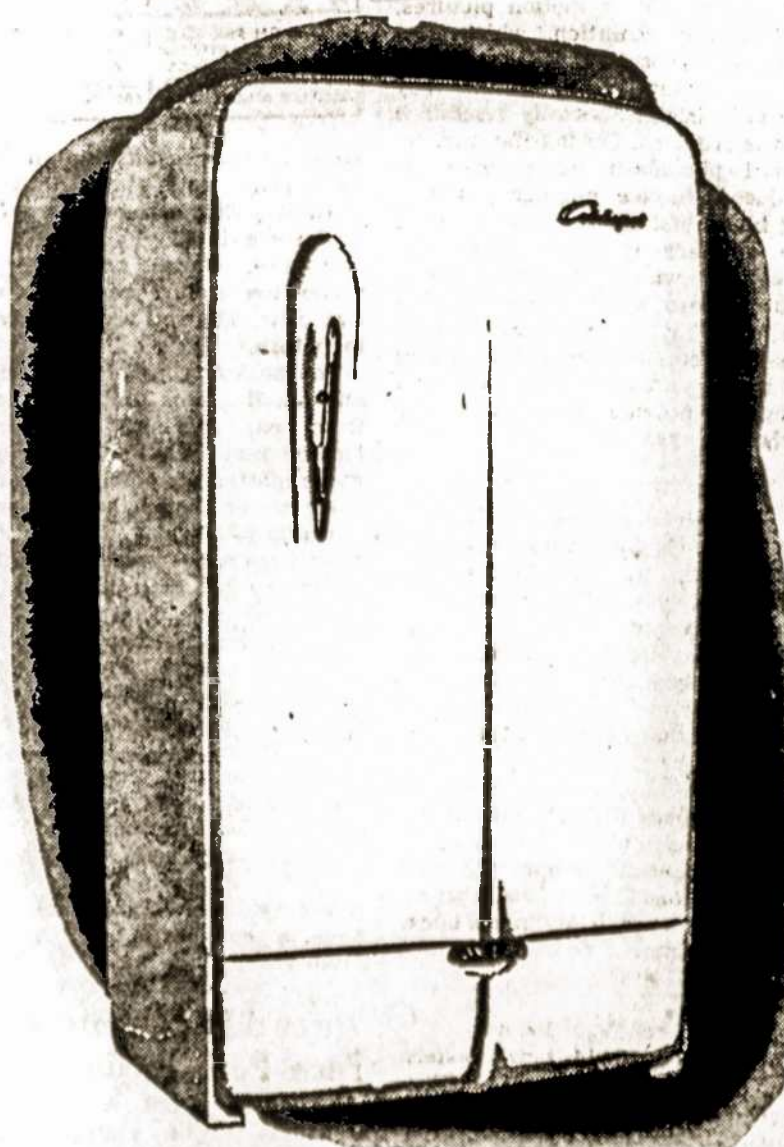
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